WILLOW GLEN

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One of the two finest examples of mid-18th. century Georgian architecture in Calvert County is the Weems House, owned by the same family since its er The entire house is of brick, flemish bond construction with random glazed headers. Five bays in length it has a centered hall flanked by double parlors. A brick belt course is at each elevation, between the first and second floor windows, terminating a short distance before it reaches the corners. Most of the first and second floor windows have flat arches, and as a few gable windows retain segmentally arched heads the former is apparently an alteration of the latter. It is also apparent the roof was altered from one having jerkinheads to the present gable form in the early or mid-19th. century, probably when the existing bracketed cornice was introduced. At each end of the structure is a single large chimney enclosed within the gable walls.

All of the interior woodwork of this fine house is rather simple in design and execution and fairly characteristic of late 18th. century in this region.

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Willow Glen

Willow Glen is a plantation, much of which has survived from the Eighteenth Century and Nineteenth Century. The main house of this National Register property is a large Georgian brick mansion, which belongs to the first half of the Eighteenth Century.

Many early outbuildings survive including a double log pen tobacco barn. This barn is nearly identical to the one described in Samuel Tatham's famous "Essay on Tobacco..." of 1800.

There is also a log cabin on the property, which would appear to be an ante bellum quarters.

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Willow Glenn is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Barstow Road and Stoakley Road, about two miles northwest of Barstow, Maryland.

An impressive, Georgian structure of grand proportions, Willow Glenn is constructed entirely of Flemish bond with random glazed headers. It is five bays long with a centrally placed door. Although the house is very deep, only two small windows exist on each gable end. The windows on the principal facade have six-over-six sashes and flat brick lintels. The basement windows have segmental arches.

A simple water table of protruding square brick encircles the house. A three-string belt course separates the first and second stories of the house but stops short of each corner.

A Greek Revival cornice has replaced the original roof trim. The second floor ceilings were raised and the pitch of the roof changed in the early nineteenth century.

On the interior, all the fireplaces have simple moldings and covered-arch openings. Three of the fireplaces on the first floor are angled in corners while the fourth is flat against the wall. Huge stress arches in the basement, eight feet high by four feet thick, support the fireplaces.

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In the late nineteenth century George Washington Henry Jones lived at Willow Glenn. He achieved prominence in the Barstow community as a physician and politician, specifically as a state legislator and a county treasurer.2 Fragmentary evidence indicates that he inherited the property, then called Ballard Farm, from Washington Jones. The absence of any Calvert County records prior to the 1880's makes it impossible to determine beyond question the documentary history of the property. However, other state records indicate that the farm may have been named after Levin Ballard who bought property in the area in 1832 from the estate of Tubman Long.4 A map made in the 1820's indicates that a Long lived in a house at the location of Willow Glenn. Tubman Long married a daughter of James Weems, Jr., who, in the eighteenth century, may have owned the property on which Willow Glenn is located.

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### PRELIMINARY REPORT ON WILLOW GLEN

### Architectural Description:

An architectural report on the house at Willow Glen is premature at this time since access to the interior has yet to be gained.

The exterior has been examined along with the grounds, and there is much to report there.

Except for the documents concerning Tubman Long, I can find little to disagree with in the National Register form on Willow Glen. A brick with the name "W. H. Long" was observed on the east facade, and a dated brick "1807" was seen on the south side along with the initials "E. F." Flemish bond brick with glazed headers was still being used in the early Nineteenth Century, however, when compared for architectural features with certain Annapolis houses, the Mid-Eighteenth Century building date ascribed to Willow Glen by the Maryland Historical Trust seems reasonable.

Support for an Eighteenth Century building date exists in the outbuildings as well, several of which exhibit hardware such as loop-end, forged strap hinges. The most notable of the outbuildings is the tobacco barn located south of the house next to Barstow Road. According to the Tatham essay of 1800 (An Historical and Practical Essay on the Culture and Commerce of Tobacco, Tatham, William, London, 1800), the most common form of tobacco house which was observed during his tour of Virginia in the 1790's was the "double log pen." The survey has noted several examples of types of tobacco houses described by Tatham, but the interior of the tobacco barn at Willow Glen is the first example of the double log pen.

Located in the southwest and southeast corners of the barn are two 2C-foot-square pens made out of roughly hewn logs which are notched on the ends and laid upon one another. These pens are on the opposite ends of a rectangle 60 feet long, and they share a common roof. According to Tatham this structure was originally left open with no siding, and the central passageway accommodated wagons.

The significance of the total complex at Willow Glen is greatly increased by the identification of this double pen tobacco house. Based upon the Tatham essay and Morrison's section on log construction in the Eighteenth Century, this is one of the few barns thus far recorded where an Eighteenth Century construction date seems to be anything more than a hunch.

An inquiry at the Maryland Historical Trust indicates that through an addedum to the National Register form, this may become the first Maryland tobacco bern on the National Register.

National Register status is reason enough to grant Willow Glen the protection offered to historic districting. There is little doubt that the house and outbuildings are important examples of early Maryland architecture.

Still needed besides a more complete examination of the house is more knowledge about chain of ownership. Research gathered thus far includes the Weens, Longs, and Jones with only sketchy dates.

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### Weems:

- 1. First mention of Weems C. 1740's, i.e., probate records and p. 331 Stein.
- 2. First reference which places them in the vicinity of Willow Glen is unpatented certificate #131 for "Weem's Delight," surveyed May 31, 1769, 224 acres. Weem's Delight, " surveyed May 31, Bery Mackade 4th in 1742 Tay lks. (42 ac)

Surveyor mentions it as part of "Godsgrace" and as "unimproved" except for orchards containing apple, cherry, and peach trees.

Next mention is in Caveat Papers #0240 which document a boundary dispute between John Weems and H. Reynolds. Papers and maps are dated 1793 and 1796. Weems owned "Dodsdale Manor" (Dowesdale, Dowesdale, Dowesdale, Dowesdale), and Reynolds owned "Abbington."

These two tracts appear together in various transactions for the next 100 years, i.e., Liber 1/551, August 27, 1816, and Liber 3/248, June 19, 1877.

Note: Both the 1769 certificate and the 1796 boundary dispute contain maps showing the land in question to be the area of land between "Hunting Creek" and "Ramsey Creek," then called "Abbington Creek" and "Baggby's Creek" (see ASH 329 for original grant called "Baggbey" and plats, Box 24, FLD 11). "Baggbey" was once part of "Godsgrace" northwest of "Bigger" (Ibid.).

It is yet unclear if Willow Glen could have been on "Dodgdale,"
Neighboring tracts are mentioned in the two references mentioned, and
these involved the Weems, Ballards, and Longs mentioned in the
National Register form for Willow Glen. These are "Newington,"
"Henry Chew," "Abbington," and "Taney's Reserve."

### a. "Newington"

Mentioned as adjoining "Dodadale" in Deposition #3 in the 1796 boundary dispute between John Weems and H. Reynolds.

The earliest reference found for "Newington" was a deed dated March 6, 1787 between Marquiss and Watson, Liber 1/32.

Liber 1/39, August 1, 1792, Gibson to Freeland.

Liber 1/462, May 6, 1813, Ballard to Ballard, "Newington" and "Henry Chew" together.

Liber 2/25, November 18, 1865, Dixon to Dixon.

The 1785 tax assessment shows three persons as owning parts of "Newington." They are: Jeremiah Cox, 218 acres;

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William Allein (husband of Sarah Weems Allein), 159 acres, "Newington" and "Henry Chew"; Levin Ballard, 133 acres (see National Register form).

b. "Henry Chew"

Passing in and out of the hands of Ballards and Alleins. The history of this property is somewhat confusing.

Liber 1/213:

August 2, 1781, Levin Ballard to Sarah Weems Allein and husband, C. 78 acres.

The 1783 tax assessment shows "Henry Chew" and part of "Newington" to be in the possession of William Allein.

November 14, 1795, Levin Ballard buys 15 acres called "Henry Chew from Dan Rawlings of Prince Georges County.

Liber 1/214 shows "Henry Chew" passing from Allein to Rawlings.

c. "Taney's Reserve"

Known to have bordered Willow Glen and to have been owned by Tubman Long in 1828.

d. "Abbington"

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The history of these properties is significant in that it shows the Weems Family as owners at one time or another of several properties in the vicinity between 1763 and 1796. Shown as well is a relationship between the Weems and Ballards which becomes significant later in the Nineteenth Century when a relationship between the Ballards and Longs develops as well.

The National Register form for Willow Glen says that the farm "may have been named after Levin Ballard who bought property in the area in 1832 from the estate of Tubman Long." The aforementioned tax assessment shows a Levin Ballard at "Newington" in 1783 as a neighbor to the Weems, and Liber 1/213 shows Ballard selling land to Sarah Weems Allein and her husband two years before.

A relationship between Levin Ballard (assuming it to be the same man or his son) and Tubman Long is seen in documents contained in Chancery Papers #6501.

May 16, 1823, indenture between Long, Ballard, and Joseph Reynolds.

September 28, Long sells to Reynolds and Gustavus Weems negroes, horses, etc. from his "plantation."

November 6, 1828, indenture lists Long's properties which include part of "Gods Graces Levels" bought from Thomas Gantt.

The National Register form states that Long married a Weems, and an 1820's map indicates a Long living in a house on the location of Willow Glen. Chancery Papers #6501 show Tubman Long as a financially troubled man in the 1820's borrowing money and selling property to pay debts. Levin Ballard and others thus wind up with much of Long's property. The 1825 indenture, however, mentions Long's residence being purchased from E. Ryon. The 1828 indenture shows that to be "Partnership" and says that it is "now occupied by Tubman Long as his residence." This would suggest that between 1825 and 1828 at least Tubman Long was not living at Willow Glen, or if he was, an early name of Willow Glen was "Partnership."

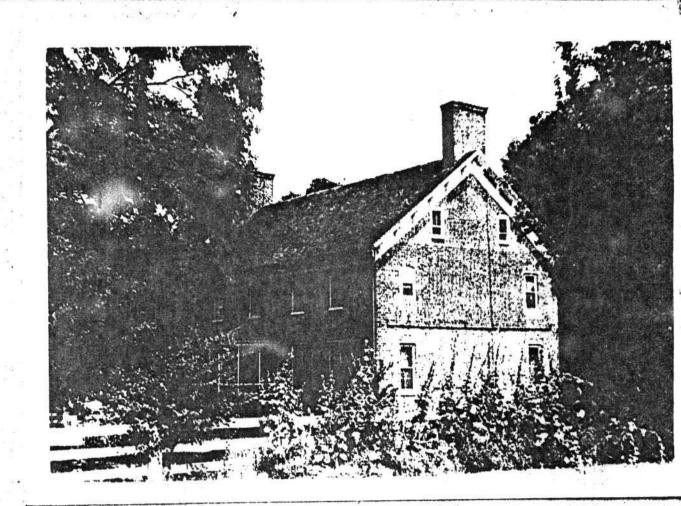
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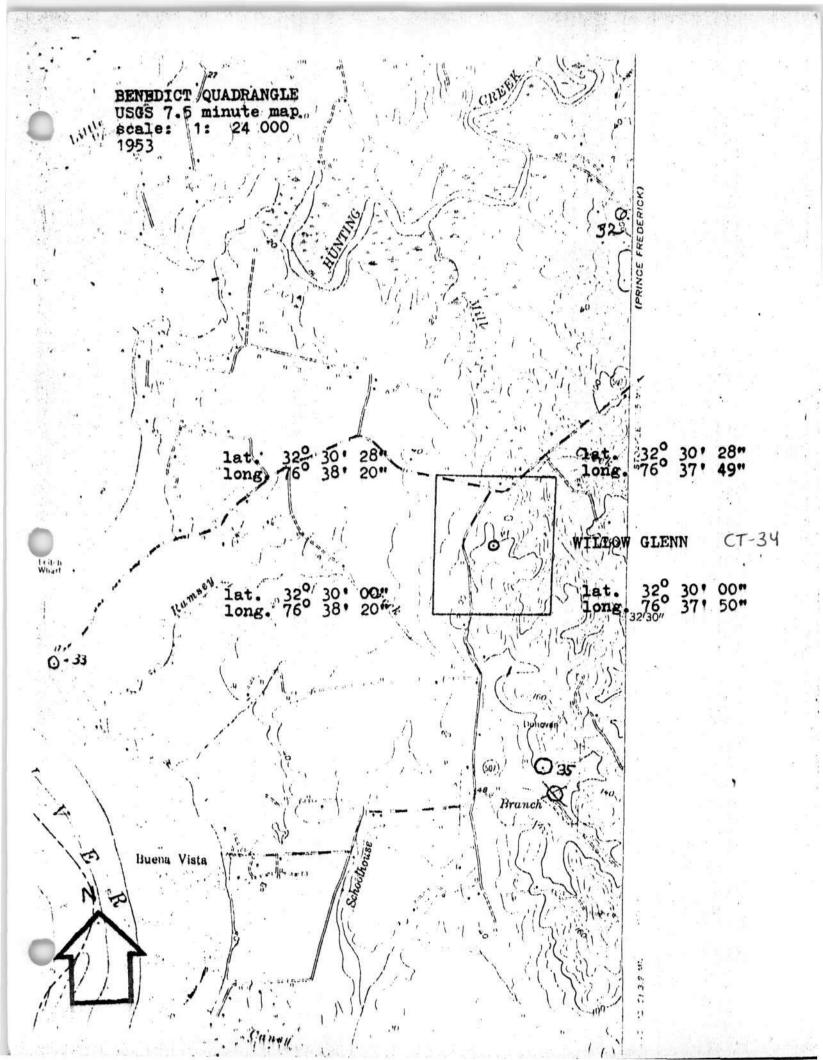


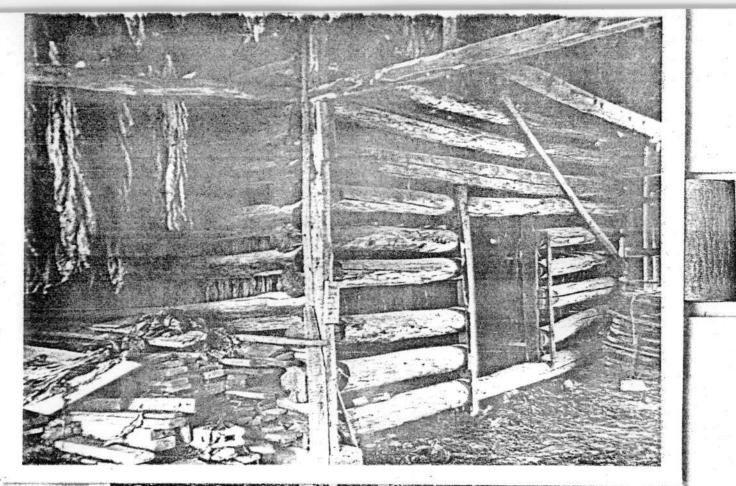
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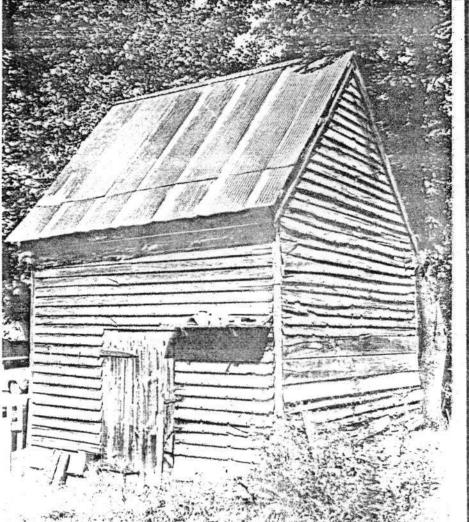
Willow Glen Tobacco Barn is located on the east side of Barstow Road approximately half a mile from the eighteenth-century dwelling associated with the property. The barn measures roughly sixty by twenty feet and consists of two log pens separated by an aisle that was originally open. The original pens of Willow Glen were constructed with saddle-notched round logs. This tobacco barn configuration was once very common in Virginia and Maryland in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. A shed was added to the barn's east elevation at a later date and the barn was enclosed with vertical board siding. Willow Glen could date as early as the mid-eighteenth century.

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Willow Glen Tobacco Barn
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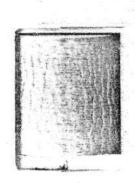
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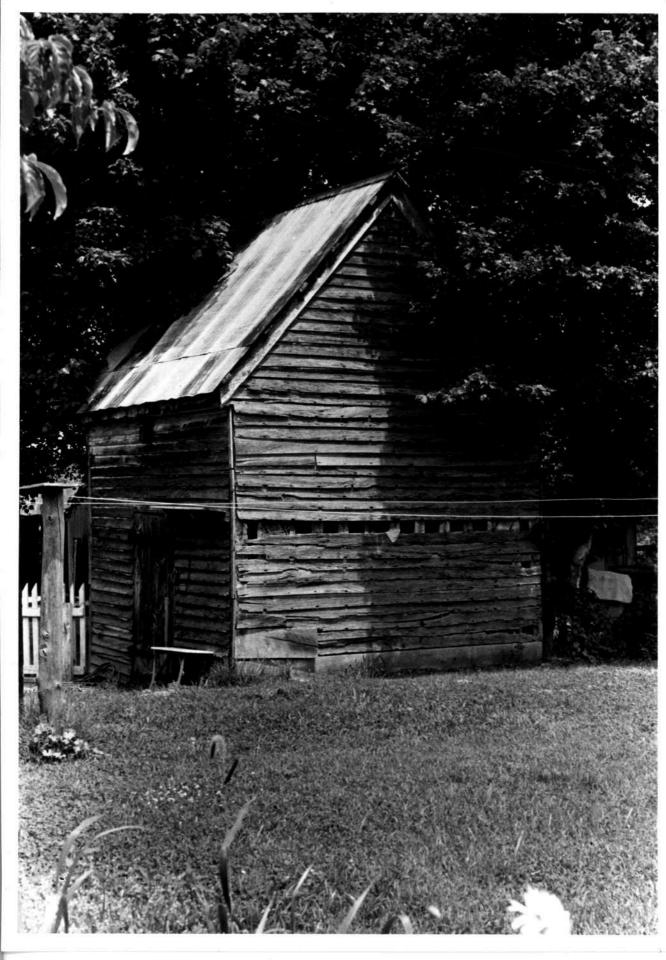




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